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C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 3564

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: PINT, NP

SUBJ: RELEASE OF RISHIKESH SHAH

REF: KATHMANDU 3315 (NOTAL)

1. AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE FROM TALKING WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT CONTACTS, RISHIKESH SHAH HAS BEEN RELEASED FROM JAIL ON HIS OWN RECOGNIZANCE, RATHER THAN ON BAIL AS ORIGINALLY REPORTED IN THE PRESS. HE IS OBLIGATED TO REPORT BACK TO THE COURT (IN THIS CASE, KATHMANDU ZONAL COMMISSIONER) IN TWO WEEKS, AND PRESUMABLY A PERIODIC CHECKING-IN WILL CONTINUE UNTIL A DECISION IS MADE EITHER TO TRY HIM OR TO DROP THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM. SHAH TOLD ONE OF OUR SOURCES HE HAS NO IDEA WHICH WAY IT WILL GO, BUT IS APPREHENSIVE THAT WHEN HIS NEW BOOK (WHICH IS BEING PUBLISHED BY OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS IN DELHI) COMES OUT IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER, HE MAY BE UNDER THE GUN AGAIN. ONE POSSIBLE COURSE OF ACTION WHICH SOME SOURCES MENTION IS THAT SHAH WILL BE TRIED AND SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS

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IMPRISONMENT, THE PERIOD HE HAS ALREADY SERVED.

2. THE KATHMANDU RUMOR MILL IS GIVING SOME CREDIT TO THE U.S. STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS FOR RISHIKESH'S RELEASE. WE ARE AWARE ALSO THAT AT LEAST ONE NATIONAL CHAPTER OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (SRI LANKA) AMDE REPRESENTATIONS TO KING BIRENDRA

ON SHAH'S BEHALF,AND ASSUME OTHERS MAY HAVE
DONE SO ALSO.
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